

A FAMILY DAY in the Church School

# MOTHERS' DAY

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## "THE GLORY OF THE NATION"

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# Order of Service

## THEME---"The Glory of The Nation"

### PRELUDE.

### PROCESSIONAL—(Junior Choir)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing until the close of the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth")

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands;  
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with  
singing.  
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with  
praise;  
Be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

**School:** (singing)  
For why the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

### INVOCATION

**Leader:** O God our Father, mercifully grant Thy blessing on us who are  
assembled in Thy presence. Help us by Thy Holy Spirit to think  
and say only such things as are pleasing to Thee. May we worship  
Thee with reverence and sincerity.

**School:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, etc.

### HYMN—"For the Beauty of the Earth" (tune "Dix")

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

### STATEMENT—By the Leader.

From ocean unto ocean our land is filled with eager anticipation as the whole Dominion prepares to greet its King and Queen. As we are commanded by the word of God to "Honor the King", let us stand as the flag of our country is placed before us, and then join in singing the National Anthem.

(A senior boy will bring the flag to the platform, and stand with it at attention. After the National Anthem, the flag will be placed on the platform for the remainder of the service.)

**Leader:** During their visit no effort will be spared to demonstrate our love and loyalty for the King and Queen, and to show them what a great land Canada is. As they travel from province to province,

seeing the vastness of our plains and forests and waters, the grandeur of our mountains, the might of our rivers, the wealth of our mines, and as they see the progress of our cities and farms, the King may remember how his beloved father, King George the Fifth, said: "the foundations of national greatness are laid in the homes of the people." For the real Canada, the land that our royal visitors may never see, is to be found only in its homes—your home, and my home. These are the strength and the glory of the nation.

How fitting, then, that on this Mother's Day, we should remember that in the quiet of many homes the love and care of mothers, their wisdom and influence, has moulded the destiny of the nation, sending forth their sons and daughters—some to rule and lead, others to labor and serve. Not alone the pioneers and leaders, the farmers and the laborers, but more than these, the mothers in the homes have been the true makers of the nation.

## STORY

### RESPONSIVE READING (from Proverbs 31)

- Leader:** Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.  
**Response:** She riseth while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and their portion to her maidens.  
**Leader:** She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.  
**Response:** She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.  
**Leader:** She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.  
**Response:** Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.  
**Leader:** Her children arise up, and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her.  
**Response:** Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her.

### HYMN—"Happy the Home when God is There" (tune "Evan")

Happy the home when God is there,  
 And love fills every breast;  
 When one their wish, and one their  
 prayer,  
 And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where prayer is  
 heard,  
 And praise is wont to rise;  
 Where parents love the sacred word  
 And live but for the skies.

Happy the home where Jesus' Name  
 Is sweet to every ear;  
 Where children early lisp His fame,  
 And parents hold him dear.

Lord, let us in our homes agree  
 This blessed peace to gain;  
 Unite our hearts in love to Thee,  
 And love to all will reign.

## PRAYER

**Leader:** Let us now give thanks unto God:—

**All:** Almighty God, from whom cometh every good gift, we thank Thee for all blessings of our lives; for the wonder and beauty of the world about us; for the joys of life and health; and for all Thou hast done for us through men and women whose wisdom and labor have made our lives happier and nobler. Most of all we thank Thee for Jesus Christ, our Saviour, through whom Thou hast shown Thy love and will for us, and for all the benefits of the Christian religion to which we are heirs through the faith and devotion of Thy people in many ages.

**Leader:** Let us pray for our Country and King:—

**All:** O God, Who art the Lord of the Nations, Who hast so greatly favored our land, bless and keep our King and Queen and their children. Give wisdom unto our rulers and prosperity unto our people. May truth and goodness prevail in our land. And grant that our Dominion and Empire may seek with all nations to establish peace and righteousness throughout the earth.

(Let there be a brief interval for silent prayer.)

**Leader:** Let us pray for all people:—

**All:** Our Father, who lovest all Thy children, teach all men to fear Thee and to love and serve one another. Keep all who are in danger or are tempted. Deliver all who are in any trouble. May all children learn Thy truth. Hasten the coming of that day when all people in the earth shall know and love Thee and seek Thy salvation.

(Let there be a brief interval for silent prayer.)

**Leader:** Let us pray for our Homes and Mothers:—

**All:** O Thou, who broodest over the homes of Thy people and art the unseen member of every family, we thank Thee for the shelter and joy of our homes, for parents who have cared for us and taught us, and especially for mothers in whose tenderness we have felt Thy love and through whose teachings we first knew Thee. Be Thou the defender of our homes. Fill them with the spirit of goodwill. May we learn in our homes to be worthy citizens of our land and friends and helpers to all people.

(Let there be a brief interval for silent prayer.)

**All:** Hear our prayers, O Lord; and as we have served Thee in our worship so may we in all our lives do those things which are right in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING**—(Purpose explained by a Senior or Leader.)

Today we have an opportunity to share in the Christian Education of the boys and girls and young people of our province. This work which requires full-time workers and a central office, depends largely on the offerings received today. Let us share generously in the support of this very important work.

(As the offering is presented at the platform all stand.)

**Leader:** Receive, O Lord, our thanks for all the good things Thou hast given us and accept these our gifts for Thy service. May they be so used that many being taught Thy word may come to know and love and serve Jesus Christ our Master.

**All:** Saying or singing (tune "Franconia")

We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust O Lord, from Thee.

**HYMN**—"O Happy Home" (tune "Welwyn" or "Consolation".)

O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest,  
Thou loving Friend, and Saviour of our race;  
And where among the guests that never cometh  
One who can hold such high and honoured place.

O happy home, where each one serves Thee, lowly,  
Whatever his appointed work may be,  
Till every common task seems great and holy,  
When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee.

O happy home, where Thou art not forgotten  
When joy is overflowing, full and free;

O happy home, where every wounded spirit  
Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee.

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**HYMN**—"Lord of the Lands" (tune "O Canada")

Lord of the lands, beneath Thy bending skies,  
On field and flood, where'er our banner flies,  
Thy people lift their hearts to Thee, their grateful voices raise:  
May our Dominion ever be a temple to Thy praise.  
Thy will alone let all enthroned;  
Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own:  
Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own!

Lord of the Worlds, with strong eternal hand,  
Hold us in honour, truth and self command,  
The loyal heart, the constant mind, the courage to be true,  
Our wide extending Empire bind, and all the earth renew.  
Thy name be known through every zone;  
Lord of the worlds, make all the lands Thine own;  
Lord of the worlds, make all the lands Thine own!

**BENEDICTION**

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, and in Thy mercy save us, now and always. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**